

II. **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-9, 11 and 12 are pending. Claims 1, 3, and 4 are amended and claim 10 is canceled in order to expedite prosecution. The amendments are supported by the originally filed specification and claims. No new matter is added.

Applicants again respectfully request rejoinder and allowance of claims 11 and 12.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. Applicants submit that this rejection is rendered moot by the above cancellation of claim 10, which was made in order to expedite prosecution. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for asserted indefiniteness. This rejection is traversed

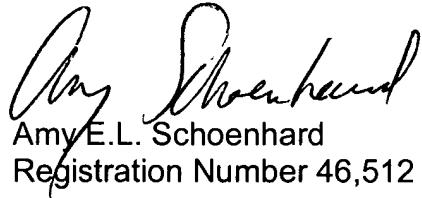
Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome by the above amendments to claim 1, which provide proper antecedent basis and clarify the scope of the claims as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

III. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and requests favorable action thereon. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to Attorney Docket No. 026220-00066. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00066.

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